

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: 07/11/08

Agenda Item: 6

To: BEACON Board of Directors

From: Executive Director

Date 07-01-08

Subject: Contract with Marlowe and Company

REQUIRED ACTION:

Approve a contract with Marlowe & Company for Federal lobbying services for \$25,000.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is recommending approval of a new contract for FY 0809 with Howard Marlowe & Company. The amount of the new contract will be for the increased budget of \$25,000.

Since 2004, BEACON had executed annual contract for \$10,000 with Marlowe & Company for general lobbying in Washington DC and specific efforts related to getting the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) approved with specific considerations for the Oil Piers artificial reef project under Section 227. WRDA was successfully approved in 2007 including language requested by BEACON addressing the issue of project removal should it be necessary.

Now that WDRA is approved the next step is to secure funding under the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill for the fabrication and installation of the Oil Piers project. Projects considered under Section 227 or WRDA are very competitive and the lobbying effort to accomplish the appropriation is significant. Marlowe & Company have agreed to provide these lobbying services for \$25,000. Staff has reviewed the proposal and compared it with similar efforts from the BEACON member agencies, and believes the proposed cost to be very reasonably.



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